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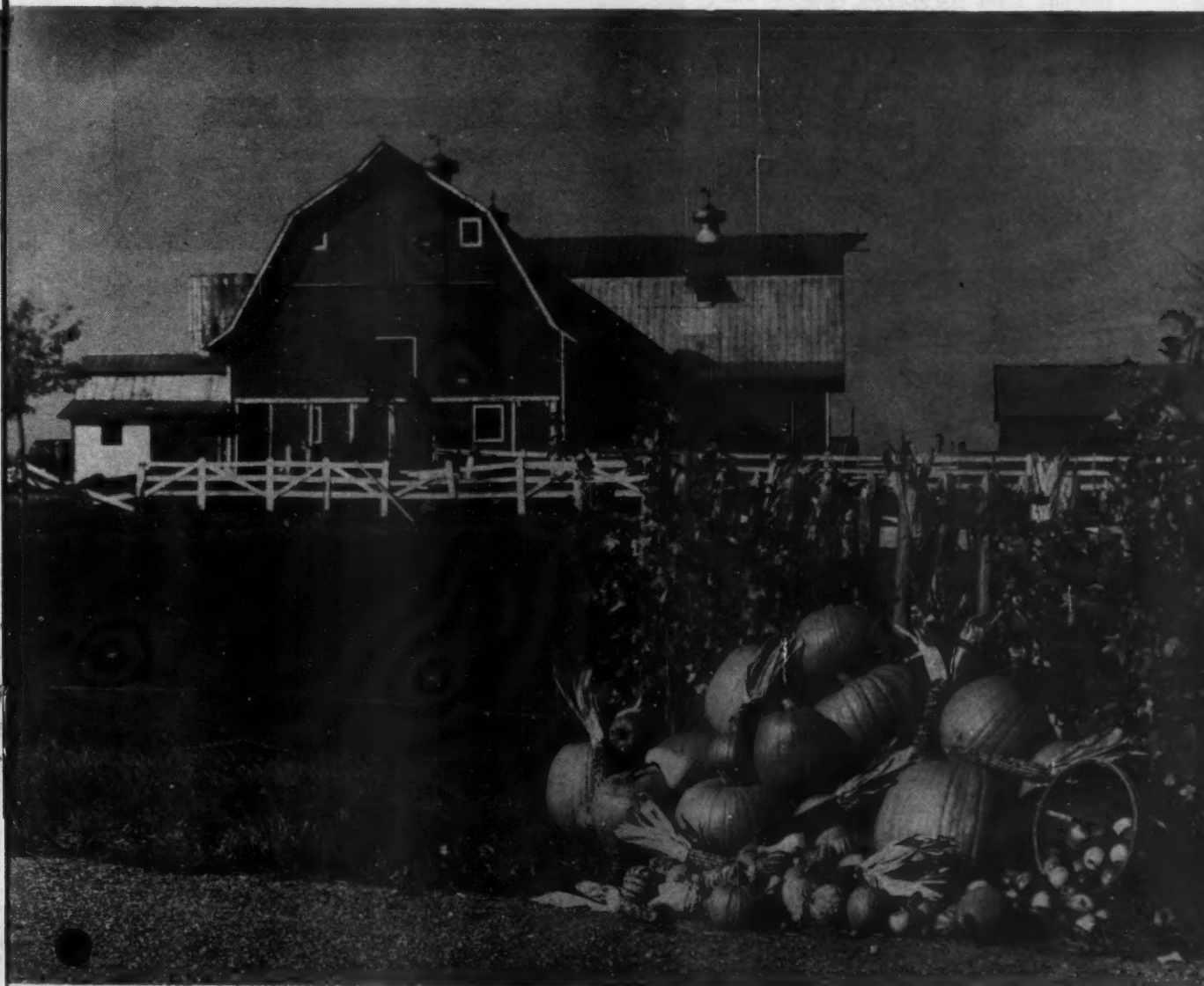
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Khrushchev's Visit to America

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NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, the top man of communism, recently concluded a whirlwind tour of America, the leading capitalist nation of the world. After being surprised and intrigued for approximately two weeks by this visitor, the news columnists asked, "What hit us?" The analysis of many is that a warm breeze hit us, the cold war has started to thaw, and peaceful years of co-existence are ahead. To the contrary many Bible students believe that a vivid example of the spirit of the end of the age has hit us.

Men can be easily swayed by the pendulum of current events. Several years ago the news media of a particular section of America gave prominence to a man's statement in which he gave the world from three to five years to stand, because of the invention of the atomic bomb. Seven years later these same newspapers gave prominence to a statement by this person that Christ may not come for one hundred years. This shows how individuals, the press, and the masses are influenced by the ebb and flow of world events. Those who are anchored in the immutable Word of God need not have their beliefs and philosophies buffeted by every wind of current events. As in the past, so it will be in the future, world events will happen according to the Scriptures.

According to the Scriptures, near the end of this age when the time of the gentiles is nearing fulfillment and world statesmen are embroiled in the enigma of unsolvable world problems, a unique person will appear who professes to have a panacea for the world's ills. Satan

will rule directly through this man for a short time (Daniel 7:24, 25, Daniel 8:23, 24, Revelation 13:3-7; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-9). Rulers will have such a desire for world peace that they will accede their power to this person for a short time (Revelation 17:12, 13). The masses will have such a desire for peace and prosperity that they will give themselves over for a brand on the hand or forehead by this person (Revelation 13:16, 17). The people of the end time will be so obsessed with a materialistic philosophy and a desire for unhindered commerce that they will gladly hail the man who can bring an end to war threats, break down trade barriers, establish world markets and promise world peace. The Scriptures make it clear that at the end of the age world conditions will be so troubled that there will be a great desire for peace, and a brilliant strategist by bringing a false peace for a short time will destroy many (Daniel 8:25). This false peace will precede the most terrible tribulation earth has ever known (Matthew 24:21). At the end of this age the people will not repent and seek the favor of Almighty God to cure the world's ills, but they will be looking for a man to do this. When he appears they will say, "Who is like unto the beast?" "Who is able to make war with him?" (Revelation 13:4). This adoration rightly belongs to God.

This is not meant to insinuate that Khrushchev is this man, but the intense interest the peoples of the world had in this visit and the hope it stirred in human hearts that world peace and prosperity rested in the hands of a man shows

that the world is ripe for the man who can produce. How many millions today would accept with open hearts the man who could end the threat of war, bring prosperity, pacify industry and labor, and end social strife? They would say, "Who is like unto him?" The tragedy is that the race is hungry for a peace built by the power of mortal men and will not seek the Prince of Peace, the only one who can and will bring permanent peace.

This desire of mankind to build a world peace without God by their own power and ingenuity was expressed plainly by the atheist philosopher, Bertrand Russell, during a panel discussion in London on October 5, 1959. Mr. Russell predicted that, because of their mutual fear of China, Russia and the United States would form an alliance which would in effect be a world government and war would be abolished because these two giants would have a monopoly on war weapons. The press stated that Mr. Russell then takes this slap at religion, "I don't think that a person who gives weight to scientific evidence can subscribe to any of the dogmas of the great religions of the world." After a member of the panel remarked that some people embrace religion for the comfort it can give them rather than its dogma, Mr. Russell replied, "If comfort is what you want, you will do less harm to yourself and the world if you get it from gin."

Here is a non-Christian view of the solution of world problems: let strong nations form a world government by alliances and non-aggression pacts and with a strong man at the top, train their horrible weapons on the world and enforce a *par romana* (Roman peace) while the world imbibes gin for comfort and the people occupy themselves in the pleasures of sin. According to the Scriptures, when men in the end of the age fabricate this kind of a peace and then trusting in the wisdom of men cry peace and safety, sudden destruction will come upon them (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

The Christian view is the assurance of the return of the Son of God, the Prince of Peace who

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Thou Art the Man

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IT IS TERRIBLE to be ignorant of some great things. To be ignorant of familiar facts about Christ and the hope that He has founded in us is tragic.

He who is the Bread of life began His ministry hungering.

He who is the Water of life ended His ministry thirsting.

Christ hungered as man, and fed the hungry as God.

He was weary, and yet He is our rest.

He paid tribute, and yet He is the King.

He was called a devil, and cast out devils.

He prayed, and yet He hears prayer.

He wept, and He dries our tears.

He was sold for thirty pieces of silver, and redeems the world.

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and is the Good Shepherd.

He died and gave His life, and by dying destroys death.

To be ignorant of these sayings crushes out true appreciation of Christ and His cause for coming to this earth.

Christian! For you not to realize that you are the *man* and that you are the *woman* who was once clothed in fleshly filth and sins of severity clearly indicates that you have lost sight of God's divine power that set you free from sin and gave you the promise of perpetual peace.

God's head-to-foot, life-sized photograph of man after Christ comes in portrays him as a new man who is created after God in righteousness and true holiness. Paul comments in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in

Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Let us examine God's photograph of a new creature and see if John's statement is correct.

1. What about the head?

Numbers 6:7: "The consecration of his God is upon his head." The helmet of salvation is upon it.

Proverbs 10:6: "Blessings are upon the head of the just."

Isaiah 51:11: "Everlasting joy shall be upon their head."

2. What about the eyes?

Matthew 13:16: "Blessed are your eyes, for they see." They are pure, enlightened, opened eyes. The fear of God is before their eyes.

3. What about the ears?

He has opened our ears in oppression. They detect the voice of God from the voice of the evil one. They are alert to hearing God's call and prompt to respond. The ears are not dull of hearing, but are earnest ears. They are open to the sound of good news and godly news.

4. What about the lips?

They are joyful lips. *Supplying lips*—"The lips of the righteous feed many." *Acceptable lips*—"The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable." *Preserving lips*—"But the lips of the wise shall preserve them." *Delightful lips*—"Righteous lips are the delight of kings."

5. What about the tongue?

"The tongue of the just is like choice silver." "The tongue of the wise is health." "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life." It is continually speaking of

God's goodness. It is a testimony of the tremendous work of Jehovah.

6. What about the throat?

It is a throat that thirsts not, for it does testify that the water of life has quenched all thirst. It is a throat that is not parched or dry, but anointed with the oil of gladness. It strengthens the tongue for verbal service.

7. What about the neck?

"In his neck remaineth strength and grace." "Thy neck is like the tower of David" (Song of Solomon 4:4). "Thy neck is as a tower of ivory" (Song of Solomon 7:4).

8. What about the hands?

They are strong, sturdy, unyielding hands. They are clean, holy, consecrated hands. They are hands that clap for joy, are lifted for praise, and closed for reverence.

9. What about the feet?

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23). They are sure feet, fastened tightly to the rock. They are feet swift to spread good news and the story of life through the Man of Galilee.

10. What about the bones?

"They are bones that flourish like a herb." "They are bones moistened with marrow." "They are bones fat with a good report."

11. What about the heart?

The law of God is in his heart. It is a heart fixed, trusting in the Lord. It is an established heart with its meditations feasting and acceptable in the sight of God. It is a heart filled and controlled by the Spirit of God.

12. What about the mind?

"But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). We have one mind, sound, willing, fervent, humble, meek, and subject unto our Maker.

13. What about the Christian's thoughts?

"The thoughts of the righteous are right" (Proverbs 12:5). "The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness."

14. What about the understanding?

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"For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt," Exodus 12:12, 13.

EXODUS 12 IS called "God's blood of redemption." It deals with the one thing that has taken the most important role in God's plan of redemption for lost humanity, the blood of the Slain Lamb. The lamb that was slain at this Passover links perfectly with 1 Corinthians 5:7 where Paul said, "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." The Lamb of God shed His blood on rugged Calvary that we might be redeemed from a life of sin.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

When God sent plagues on Egypt by the hand of Moses, the children of Israel were exempted from the flies, murrain, boils, hail, locusts and darkness. However, the children of Israel were not exempt

from the tenth plague unless they obeyed God's instructions.

No one is exempt from God's plan of redemption, whether he be Jew or gentile, bond or free. We all stand guilty before God until we kneel at the foot of Calvary and are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God, who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. We must ask him to have mercy and cleanse us from our sins.

The blood that stained the old cross will cover and wash away your sins. I enjoy singing these old favorite songs, "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus"; and "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins. And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains."

God told them, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." After nine of the plagues that God sent on Egypt, Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Therefore, when the death angel flew over his home, he did not find the blood applied on the doorpost, and he took the firstborn. Pharaoh arose in the night and there was a great cry made in Egypt. He hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said." The door was opened for Israel to escape from bondage. What opened that door? The application of the blood.

Israel had been under the iron

hand of Egypt's bondage for 430 years. They had tried many times to be set free, but all failed except the shedding of the blood.

God for many, many years tried different methods to redeem a lost humanity. All methods failed to redeem them until Christ came and gave His life to save you and me. If we will accept Him, completely surrender our lives to Him, and serve Him in the beauty of holiness, we can live with Him beyond this veil of tears.

The Christian life is the outliving of an inliving Christ. Then we can say with the Apostle Paul in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

God's plan of redemption far surpasses the knowledge of our intellectuals, yet is so simple even a little child can understand it. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only thing that broke the death hold that Satan had on the human race.

Romans 8:3, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." Sin is a transgression of God's law. Not one place in my Bible have I found where Christ ever compromised with sin.

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Escape Route

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SINGING

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RECENTLY Miss Mary Smith, a student in voice and music at Lee College, was invited to give a ten-day series of lessons here in the church of Largo. As a part-time attendant and not a participant (perhaps I should have been the latter), I noticed the improvement it made in the singing, especially that of the choir in the Sunday morning service. Miss Smith is really trained for the job; she is competent, patient, and consecrated to her mission. Any church that engages her services will, I am sure, be benefited by them.

Good singing and good music put life into a service. Furthermore, it is a manner of worshipping God. I

have heard pastors announce the opening of their service by saying, "Let us sing number . . ." or "Let us worship God in song." Singing has its part in worshipping, especially when the singers are saved and singing for the glory of God. The singer sings himself into the liberty of the Spirit if he sings from his heart, and that is a blessing to his own heart and soul. "Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19).

Singing may have an effect on the persons who are listening that we may never know about. On the other hand, we may hear in a testimony how someone was drawn to the meetings or to God by the singing.

A man told me one time that as he was crossing a river on a ferry, he heard some Christians singing. Relating it to me, he placed his hands on his chest and said, "That singing went right down into my heart." He was not a Christian and I do not know whether he ever became one.

Indians are sad and sullen people in many lands. One hardly ever hears an Indian singing; but once he is saved, he really tries to sing because he has received a new song in his heart and he is so grateful for his newly found joy.

There was an Indian in Totonicapán who was an important man among his people. He was a religious leader and celebrated idol feasts in his hut. The people came to take part in the dancing, drinking, and eating which he offered, and he would try to sing or chant whatever verse he might have learned to fit the occasion. One time he stood on the street corner of Totonicapán, the leading Indian center of Guatemala, and listened to the Christians' singing. He was struck by the tune and the few words that he could grasp and went away trying to keep them in his mind. Later the government squads took him, with many others, to send them to the capital city for military duty. When the going got rough, he would remember the words of the gospel chorus. He told me, "Believe it or not, it always helped me." When he had served his government, he returned to the same corner and heard the singing again. Later he accepted the Lord. Bernadino was filled with the Holy Ghost and became a power for God among his own people and others, for he spoke the Spanish language as well as Indian dialect.

I remember when I was a boy in my Sunday School class my
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"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come," Matthew 24:42.

FOR ALMOST nineteen hundred years God has been warning people of His second coming. He tells us to watch, to be ready, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Many persons are asleep spiritually, and do not realize the nearness of His coming.

This has been on my heart and has stirred my soul. It means so much to be ready for His return. To be ready is a wonderful thing, but what about our neighbor? Is he ready? Does he know the story of Jesus? Have we told him of the second coming of our Lord? If every Christian could get a vision of a lost and dying world, and the souls that are going out to meet God unprepared, we would get busy as we have never been.

There is a great need for soul-winners in the land today. We can all have a part in this field of service. Everyone is not called to fill a pulpit and preach the gospel, but we can all win souls in some way. God did not save us to sit around and do nothing. He saved us to be instruments in His hand. Some of us may think the minister is supposed to do all the soul-winning, but if you are one who feels that way, you are very wrong. God ex-

Are You Watching?

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pects you and me to do our share, through the life that we live and the words that we speak to others. Each day we write a little more in the book of our life, and the world is reading it as it is written.

What kind of influence are we having on our readers? Is it good or bad? It takes boldness to take the first step, but God is there to give us courage to take the next one. I believe He does expect us to step out by faith sometimes.

What does it take to get a vision? A truly dedicated life, one that is prayerful and separated from the things of this world.

In 2 Corinthians 6:17, we read, "Wherefore come out from among

them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." There are a great many things we do not consider unclean, but they are still a hindrance to our spirituality. People do many things nowadays which they would have considered wrong several years ago. Why? God has not changed; it is the people who have changed. They are no longer concerned about their souls as they used to be.

Satan has been working day and night making devices to send men to hell. There are so many things that seem innocent when first discovered, but later turn out to be sin. Sin, that is the only word for it—there is no other way to identify it; little or big, it is still sin. It is time for us to wake up to this horrible fact. Many try to excuse themselves by saying that they only tell white lies, but let me tell you, there is no such thing as a white lie. All lies are black as they can be. Satan may try to paint them white, but if they are examined closely their true color will show. So it is with the deeds we do. The things we do that are wrong, however great or small, are still sin in the sight of God. So you see, there is no way around it—sin is SIN!

Much of our time is spent in worldly pleasures and things to
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THE BRIGHT SUN had gone down and evening shades were casting long gray shadows on the walls. The young mother tiptoed softly into Little Boy Blue's room to draw the curtains. She turned from the window and moved to the little white crib and stood there looking at her baby tossing and turning in his troubled sleep. His little apple cheeks were flushed with fever. This young mother had never before seen her baby ill and she was terrified. A sob arose from her suffering heart and she tucked the covers around the baby and hurried from the room. Visions of flowers, many people, soft crying, and a little gray casket kept blurring her eyes.

Father came home and asked in a whisper about the baby's condition. He tried to be strong and show no fear but anyone could see worry written on his face. His first-born was so very, very dear to him.

Life seemed to have stopped in that little home. No song or laughter relieved the heavy silence. Work was done out of sheer necessity and there was no joy in it. It took great will power and effort to do routine things.

The hour grew late and the dreadful silence was broken only by baby's heavy breathing and fitful crying.

Father said, "You go to bed and I'll keep watch over him." She answered, "Oh, no. I could not sleep. I cannot bear to leave him. You go to bed and I'll watch over him." Neither could bear to leave the little boy so each made a place for himself and settled down for the long night's vigil.

The father was soon asleep as he was very tired, but the young mother drew her chair near the baby's crib and kept watching the little boy lying there. She was not praying words but every breath was a prayer for her baby. Scalding tears kept falling silently as she kept her watch. If the little one cried she offered him something cool and held his hot little head while he drank. She kept changing him to fresh diapers and bathing his little face with a moist cloth. She smoothed the pillow and

When Little Boy

Blue Was Sick

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smoothed the bed clothes. How she so longed to take baby's sickness upon herself. A deep sigh escaped her lips often and sometimes it was a heartbreaking sob. The prayer, much too intense for words, kept rising and rising to God. Grief and sorrow immeasurable filled the tiny nursery and broke the mother's heart. But out of her despair and grief an abiding trust in God was born. Suddenly His shining white Presence seemed to fill the room and light everything. Then He was gone.

A bright sun ray stole in through the drawn curtains and fell across Mother's face. She awoke with a start and looked around. She looked first toward the crib and saw baby sleeping so sweetly there. He was very still and breathing deeply. She touched the father's face and he awoke and quickly sat up and looked around. She laid her finger across her lips and they both went softly from the room.

The sun was shining bright and warm and the sky was as blue as could be. The world was very beautiful. It seemed impossible that the night had held so much terror.

A little sound came from the nursery and both hurried toward it. When they opened the door they saw a most beautiful picture. Little Boy Blue was sitting up in his bed playing with his cover. When he saw "Mama" he reached dimpled little arms towards her. She hurried to draw back the curtains and let the sunshine in. It was al-

so shining into her heart, healing her sorrow. As she opened the curtain she talked to baby. "Darling, let's let the heavenly sunshine come in. You know that little song. 'Heavenly sunshine, oh hallelujah, Jesus is mine.'" Baby said, "O, lu la lu la." She turned and lifted him and pressed him to her. His little face was cool and his body was cool. Father came to take him, too, and the three of them stood in the bright morning sunshine. Everything was speaking of God's wonderful love. It was all around them, bathing them like the sunshine.

The young parents looked at each other but spoke not a word. They each knew that they had passed an important milestone. They turned from the window and the wonderful moment that had bound them was broken. Work was calling from all directions and it was quite clear that baby was hungry. He was soon patting across the floor pulling at things and looking at things. They all seemed so wonderfully new to him. As Mother fixed the meal her song came back. Father was already busy arranging his work for the day. Little Boy Blue was dragging everything out of a drawer, but this time Mother didn't fuss. She let him pull it all out and watched the litter pile up on the floor. Father came to stand in the doorway and watch the busy little boy. He too only looked on. Somehow they could not bear to

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REVIVAL:

At the First Church in Death Valley

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TEXT: EZEKIEL 37:1-10

EZEKIEL WAS carried a captive from Jerusalem into Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar and was called into the ministry during the fifth year of his captivity. One day as he was down by the river Chebar, the heavens opened and he saw a vision. He then had the first necessary qualification of a preacher—a vision! Next, he was to receive the proper training. Which seminary did he attend? Ezekiel 3:15 says, "... And I sat where they sat. ..." He was educated by experience, as he lived, thought and looked at the world as his people saw it.

Are we, as ministers, willing to live as our laymen live? Can we look through eyes of sickness at the world and know the actual feeling of seldom leaving a dwelling, except to go to a narrower one, which is the grave? Perhaps if we did, we would not become vexed so easily upon seeing our member, who has toiled eight or ten hours that day, fall asleep during the message, when the fault might just as well be accounted to the messenger.

If we could sit in the position of a state overseer, possibly there would be less contention at changing time, or were it possible for the young and old to exchange places, we would find more consideration

abounding. Perhaps it would also be profitable for father and son; mother and daughter to exchange places. We could understand why the young son adores flashy clothes, and the giggles and flirtations of the young girl might not seem quite so silly. The youth could then understand the problems and feelings of the aged.

Ezekiel was shown the conditions of Israel, and God placed His hand upon him. How wretched is a person who lacks the blessing of God upon him! Ezekiel was carried out into the Spirit. Thank the Lord for people today who are still willing to be led by the Spirit. We read in Ezekiel 37:1, "... Set me down in the midst of the valley. ..." Life is often compared with valleys and vales of tears. How true! We enter life with a cry; depart with a groan.

Ezekiel was carried to the middle of the valley. In other words, he was directed to the center of his problem. We are so often willing to advance to the edge of our trouble, but God is able to go with us into the core of heartaches, and it is not until we are carried to the heart of our problem, that God directs us further. Sometimes He directs us to let it alone and He will work it out in due time.

Ezekiel 37:2 reads, "... And, be-

hold, there were very many in the open valley. ..." Ezekiel found the valley full of bones; the passage states there were "very many," indicating his attendance was large and encouraging. Many ministers proclaim they have no trouble preaching to a few, and rely on the portion of Scripture that says, "... Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst. ..." That is a wonderful and glorious promise; however, we lose the meaning and beauty of it by observing the human absence instead of God's divine presence. (Personally, preaching to a lumberyard, even if it has been varnished, is not very inspirational.)

How often have you heard folk say, "I could not attend, but I sent my spirit"? Having an empty building is bad, but having it full of ghosts is worse, because they will not say "AMEN" or sing in the choir; neither will they contribute to the offering so badly needed. Although there were very many bones—we quote from the same scripture—"... And, lo, they were very dry." Automatically our minds search for the cause of a spiritual drought. The blame is oftentimes put upon the minister for such a state of being in a church, when it could rightly be the fault of the congregation.

In Ezekiel 37:3 God asks, "... Son of man, can these bones live?" Notice how God addressed Ezekiel! He merely meant: Human, with your medical and scientific knowledge, who can make missiles and satellites soar through space, is it possible to revive these fragments? Ezekiel did not answer affirmatively or negatively, but gave an answer of faith by saying, "O Lord God, thou knowest."

Ezekiel's instructions were to prophesy unto them, but bewildered, he inquired of God what message would be appropriate. He was told in Ezekiel 37:4, "... Hear the word of the Lord." On the Mount of Transfiguration God said, "This is my beloved Son, hear him!" Our world critically needs the Word of the Lord instead of fables and bedtime stories. What resulted from

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SEX PLAYS one of the leading roles today, whether in the social life, the theatrical realm, the business world or the pleasure kingdom. In social life today it has become quite common to boast of more than one trip to the altar, or of having a "home away from home." In the theatrical realm there is no debate on the subject. It just sums up to the one word *sex*. In the business world *sex* is being woven into every scheme, whether in cheesecake advertising or using it as a bait to woo agents. Seemingly, in the kingdom of pleasure Satan has gone all out to captivate the minds and bodies of not only his clientele but also followers of the Lamb.

He has enjoyed tremendous success! In America, there are more barmaids than college girls; and more full-time prostitutes than ever before. In our schools, large

I wish to relate a very plain story to strengthen that which I have already stated and to use as a basis for that which I wish to say later.

"For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

"So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with

the chambers of death," Proverbs 7:6-10, 13-27.

WHO IS THIS HARLOT?

Grant me to say that this harlot is none other than Satan, the one who is continually traveling to and fro seeking whom he may devour. Can you not see the ways of Satan in the methods of the harlot? Re-read the above story and notice that indeed it strikingly portrays the Prince of Darkness as he offers kisses, soft words, peace offerings and love. How we like to have our affections touched this way; having him whisper in our ear in that sweet, convincing voice that "the goodman is not at home, he has gone a long journey." There is no danger and you will have plenty of time to get out of my house. Don't you hear Satan saying that Jesus is away and will not return for a long time? So we keep laying aside God's pleading messages to "sanctify ourselves."

Procrastination has crowded the gates of hell; and yet many continue in its wily ways. Christians have been led to believe that there is plenty of time for them to "buckle down" later on. They keep singing that song "Wait a Little Longer, Please, Jesus" as though concerned over some wayward loved one, when they really are begging God to wait till they get their fill of pleasure and repent of their backsliding and lukewarmness.

Many have fallen prey to the temptress and have become involved in such a way that for them to regain their sweet fellowship with the Lord would necessitate public confession of their sinfulness. What Christian (?) could do that? Do not fear the things that you may have to make right; for they will be brought out in the JUDGMENT if not here, and then before a "sentence-passing Judge." When God says to make a thing right, it is for you to do.

Far too many ministers and laymembers have let Satan get that first kiss planted on their cheeks and are now struggling in the mire of *inconsistency*, trying to teach and preach something that is not working in their own lives. Unclean lips and minds cannot present truths of holiness. Isaiah realized that he was a man of unclean lips, and the very next verse records his experience of sanctification. This is a day when far too many preachers depend upon their mental knowledge of the Word to present a gospel message, rather than on prayer and a heart-felt understanding of the needs of a dying world, sinking beneath the merciless waves of wickedness.

In the same way many Christians get "hepped up" in a good song service and then sleep while

"Prostitution"

By GEORGE B. HORTON

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and small, across the nation our Christian youth must cope with dangerous "sex clubs," both male, female and mixed. This, incidentally, is not the fault of educators. In our land the divorce rate has climbed to new heights. The most horrible degradations of sin have reached not only a Christ-rejecting multitude in America but have enveloped a host from England to Australia and from China to Argentina.

I cannot, nor can any mortal man, solve the problems that face the world today; but I can prescribe the remedy. Women and girls deliberately, or through "white slavery," sell their bodies to be ravished by some old fool who thinks he is a he-man. There is but one remedy. They must deliberately turn from their evil, hellish ways, repent of their sins, and be washed in the blood of the Lamb of God.

As dangerous as the problem of sex is, I want to forego it to discuss another phase of prostitution. Here

fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. *For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:* He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

"With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not stray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. *Her house is the way to hell, going down to*

the servant of God tries to tell them of others who have yet to hear of the gospel of Christ and His power to redeem a distressed life. Then while they are sleeping, their daughters are running the streets in shorts and their sons are defiling their bodies with tobacco. And they wonder why!

It is not the ability to preach that is needed so much today but rather the anointing to preach, and preaching that makes the devil mad and kills sin and roots out those who would prostitute their souls to the devil for naught.

What then is the remedy for this spiritual prostitution and sterility that have engulfed us? It would be easy to state simply that the answer is Christ, but the seeking heart desires a further expression. As ministers and laity we must call upon God to forgive us of our sinfulness and sanctify us. We must rid the temple of our body of every trace of the world and every worldly vanity.

Remember! "... Many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death."

REVIVAL! AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN DEATH VALLEY

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his message? There was a noise, which is a sign of activity. The lack of it is the noticeable characteristic of a graveyard. People say their church has perfect order, but that is absolutely true of a cemetery, also!

Ezekiel 37:7 declares, "... And behold a shaking. ..." The bones united in sequence until a complete skeleton was formed with flesh and skin upon it. Ezekiel now had a church; however, something most essential was lacking: they were breathless! Ezekiel was commanded to preach the Holy Ghost instead of saving grace in Ezekiel 37:9, "Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds. ..."

The four winds are very significant, and each wind represents the following: (1) shaking power, (2) warmth, (3) moisture, (4) blowing force. After three winds were used, the fourth scattered the effects of the revival over the earth so others could benefit from this experience.

God used wind at other times to fulfill His word. For instance, wind removed the water after the flood; separated the Jordan River; made a highway through the Red Sea; and fed the Israelites with quails. After Ezekiel prophesied and the four winds came, God's will was accomplished.

On the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:2-4 we read, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. ..." The noise and wind were similar to the northeastern Ezekiel experienced. The cloven tongues like as of fire that sat upon them were typical of the southeastern, which warmed them, and the results are recorded in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." John prophesied of one who would baptize us with fire, whose fan was in his hand!

After Ezekiel's congregation breathed, they stood up and lived. They were no longer dried bones, but living souls, and as Ezekiel 37:10 describes, "... an exceeding great army." Many persons disagree with church organization; nevertheless, we must agree this was not a crowd or mob, but a church filled with the Holy Ghost. A church filled with the Holy Ghost is an army the devil hates. May we live so we can say with the great warrior Paul at the end of our warfare, "We have fought a good fight and have kept the faith!"

WHEN LITTLE BOY BLUE WAS SICK

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fuss with him. The terrible night was too fresh to each of them. They were so very glad to have him still with them. There were other days for fussing and teaching.

Baby had a big appetite and had soon eaten a whole egg, jelly, bread and had drunk a little glass of milk.

After the meal the mother and father went to their knees and prayed. Neither could properly thank God but they tried. Baby played during prayer. He was so

little—too little to understand, but someday he will understand what a wonderful heritage he has.

Father left the house in a gay mood. Little Boy Blue started rubbing his eyes and Mother got him ready for his nap. As she tucked him into his little bed he looked up and smiled. She smiled back at him. The two of them seemed to be sharing a wonderful secret. Not even "Papa" knew it. Just "Mama" and "Little Boy Blue." It was morning but Little Boy Blue always wanted to hear his little prayer so "Mama" started saying it to him. "Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me. Bless Thy little lamb tonight. In the darkness be Thou near me. Keep me safe til morning light." The little boy smiled contentedly and snuggled down to sleep. Mother bent and kissed him and said, "God bless you, darling." She then went from the room. There were no visions this time of flowers and a little gray casket. This time they were of a strong, fine young man who would some day be a great preacher and take part in the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

I know this story very well. It is written in my heart with the indelible pencil of memory. You see, I was the mother of "Little Boy Blue."

ESCAPE ROUTE

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1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

The one and only purpose of Christ's going to Calvary was to open the door so that "whosoever will" may come, and drink of the water of life freely. Believe on Him, and let the blood of the Lamb of God be applied to your heart. If you are in sin, this is God's plan for you.

Hebrews 9:14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

I do not think we put enough emphasis on this subject from our pulpits today. God help us ministers that we will never lose sight of Calvary.

His body was not nailed to the cross for a show, or for publicity, but for a holy purpose. He fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 53:5, 12, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. . . he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

The Apostle said in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Hebrews 9:22, "And without shedding of blood is no remission."

I believe and preach Pentecost in its fullness, and that it is for the believer, that everyone that has been saved should not stop until he has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. However, the only road that leads to the Upper Room comes by the way of Calvary, the *only escape route for the sinner*.

THOU ART THE MAN

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"The knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10).

15. What about the conscience?

It is a conscience void of offense, toward God, and toward man. It is a pure conscience that grants rest, peace, and sleep.

Paul sums it up by saying, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avaleth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature" (Galatians 6:15). Christian, this is a picture of you. All men are of this character and nature after Christ comes in. **YOU ARE A NEW CREATURE IN AN OLD WORLD.**

SINGING

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teacher told us of a maniac who was being led along the street. He was a sullen, silent man; nobody could attract his attention. How-

ever, as he was going along the street, a band on the corner struck up a tune; he stopped and listened. Yes, people stop and listen many times to music and singing, even when on the way to suicide. Music will attract; singing will touch hearts!

A little girl in my town was burned severely and rushed to the hospital in an effort to save her life. They gave up hope for her recovery. Our pastor said that in her suffering she began to sing. The nurse rushed to her side to tell her she must not exert herself because of her condition. The girl answered that she could not stop singing, that there was singing on the inside and she just had to sing—songs in the night as well as in the day! When the Singer is on the inside, it makes a difference.

KHRUSHCHEV'S VISIT TO AMERICA

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will destroy the superman who promises world peace but brings in the great tribulation. After the return of the Son of God the world will be under divine government with no weapons of war (Zechariah 14:9). They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks and learn war no more (Isaiah 2:4). The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9). Even the animals will revel in peace (Isaiah 11:6-8) and the instigator of war will be bound during one thousand years of peace (Revelation 20:1-3).

The pendulum of current events cannot change God's Word regardless of how it swings. Let us be remembered that Neville Chamberlain visited Munich in quest of "peace in our time" just before World War II began. Von Ribbentrop and Molotov signed a non-aggression pact just before Germany marched into Russia, and Saburo Kurosu of Japan was in Washington talking peace when Pearl Harbor was bombed. This world is facing the great tribulation, but after this the literal kingdom of heaven. The King from heaven will appear and establish an abundance of peace (Psalm 37:11) and the saints of God will inherit the kingdom (Daniel 7:21, 22).

ARE YOU WATCHING?

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satisfy the desires of the flesh, but how does that weigh out with the time we spend in the service of God? I am not saying it is wrong to have social gatherings among Christians. I think the fellowship

is good, but when we spend hours and hours amusing ourselves and no time in reading the Word of God and praying, I can assure you we will fall short of the mark. This is one of the main reasons there is no vision for the lost today. The Bible says, "Let every man work out his own salvation with fear and trembling." However, a person must have salvation before he can work it out, and it is up to us as Christians to show the sinner that he needs salvation, and gets it.

Ask yourself this question if you will: How much time am I spending trying to win souls for the Lord? Then, how much time am I spending on worldly pleasures? If you do this earnestly, you will be surprised at the answer you get.

Most folk do not like to think along this line, as it gets them under conviction. It is high time we get our eyes open. The Lord is coming soon and we must be ready. Think it over. Will He find you going about His business or will He find you so wrapped up in the cares of this life you will not have time for Him? Believe me, if you do not have time for Jesus, He will not have any time for you.

Let us watch and pray, that we may be found ready when He comes.



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MALTESE CROSS PUZZLES WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON, D. C. — This unretouched photo shows a Maltese cross appearing in the sky over Washington as President Eisenhower and other high-ranking officials attended a dinner given by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev at the Russian Embassy. It was taken by Religious News Service photo correspondent Vincent Shields. How the cross came to appear and who, if anyone, was responsible for it, remains a mystery.

New Stamp Bears Motto of Trust in God

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced that a commemorative postage stamp containing the words, "And this be our motto, in God is our trust," will be issued in 1960. The words

It was not made by a sky-writing airplane, nor could any evidence be detected that it was being projected by searchlight beams. No one has come forward with any explanation for it. Several Washington reporters said they saw it intermittently for two hours. Mr. Shields took this three-minute time exposure as the symbol seemed to hover over the spire of a nearby church steeple.

—Religious News Service Photo

are quoted from the fourth stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key in which the fifth and sixth lines read:

"Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, in God is our trust."

The stamp is one of six "American credo" stamps which will be

issued to remind Americans, in the words of Mr. Summerfield, of "the ideals upon which our nation was founded and which guide our action now."

Other quotations are from Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and Patrick Henry.

NSSA Dedicates New Building

CHICAGO (EP)—In a simple ceremony on Sunday afternoon, September 13, the National Sunday School Association dedicated its new headquarters building at 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago. Rev. Bert Webb, NSSA president, gave the dedicatory address.

Many Chicago area pastors and Sunday School superintendents joined the NSSA board and general members in attending the special ceremonies. Two of the four floors in the new building will be occupied immediately by NSSA. Other floors will be rented, allowing adequate room for future expansion of the organization.

National Sunday School Association, whose executive director is Dr. Clate Risley, is an interdenominational service agency which trains church leaders through leadership conferences and service literature.

State Fair "Blue Ribbon" for Oral Roberts

The Oral Roberts organization has announced that the evangelist has received the New Jersey State Fair Blue Ribbon Award, bestowed annually to the "most outstanding religious radio and television program during the past year."

The presentation of the plaque was made at the evangelist's recent 10-day "Million Souls for Christ" Crusade in Garden City, Long Island, New York, by George A. Hamid, president of the 214-year-old New Jersey State Fair.

Roberts' programs are carried on some 500 radio and television stations throughout the country, as well as in many other countries. (EP)

Baptist Group Opposes Catholic Presidential Candidate

LONDON, Ky. (EP)—"We feel that any Roman Catholic, if nominated and elected, would be a danger to our American freedom." So stated a resolution voted by the executive board of the Laurel River Association of Southern Missionary Baptists of Kentucky. The group urged the 6,000 members of its 34 constituent churches to write to Democratic Chairman Paul Butler and Republican National Chairman Thurston B. Morton in support of its resolution.



in memoriam

MEREDITH



Wayne came to bless our home on May 4, 1939. He died July 31, 1959, in a hospital at Richlands, Virginia, after a car accident.

He is missed so much in our home, community and church. In his 20 years of life, Wayne did not miss many Sundays of Sunday School in the Thompson Valley Church of God. Every year after he was old enough, he took one of the main parts in our Christmas plays. During his high school and college days, he had charge of our Christmas plays and a lot of the decorating of the church. We loved Wayne so much but we feel God loved him better. Someday we will be able to understand these things.

He was married to Lenora Beavers on December 29, 1958. Please pray for us his mother, dad and wife.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church on August 2, with Rev. T. F. Burchett, Rev. John Hanks and Rev. W. E. Mustard officiating. He was laid to rest in the Memory Gardens Cemetery on the Bluefield road.

—Mrs. Fred Meredith, mother

SEYDA

After an illness of some 9 months, God in His providence saw best to call home our Brother R. R. Seyda.

Because of a heart condition, he was forced to resign from the active ministry in the latter part of 1958. At this time he moved to Crisfield, Maryland, where his immediate family continues to reside. It was in the early morning hours of July 31 at the Sinia Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, that the Spirit departed the body to be at rest in the Paradise of God. Thus ended the life span of 60 years of which 35 were spent in the ministry.

Being a native of Gleschirken, Germany, Brother Seyda came to the United States at the age of 5 and entered the ministry at the age of 25. He served as pastor of the Churches of God in Boswell, Boynton, and Reading, Pennsylvania. In the year of 1930 he was ordained bishop while serving in Plaza, North Dakota. Then he served as pastor in Lemmon, South Dakota, and Golden Valley, North Dakota.

In 1931 he was appointed overseer for the States of Montana and Wyoming. After this he was pastor of the Churches of God in Crisfield and Baltimore, Maryland; Williamsburg and Chester, Pennsylvania; Alvarado, Maryland; Penns Grove, New Jersey; and Lynnvile, Iowa.

In 1948 he was appointed overseer of our missionary work in Germany, where he served until 1951. Following his return to the States, he pastored the Churches of God in Bisbee, Arizona; Hagerstown, Maryland; Roswell and Clovis, New Mexico; and Cherry Valley, Arkansas. It was while he was serving the Cherry Valley Church that he became ill.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hilda Lane Seyda of Crisfield, Maryland; 9 children, Richard Seyda and Mrs. Jack Landon of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Charles Hennessee of Clovis, New Mexico; David D. Seyda of El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Roland Landon of West Point, Kentucky; SP 4C Robert R. Seyda, Jr., stationed with the Army in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mrs. Douglas Cloud of Roswell, New Mexico; Pvt. Daniel P. Seyda, stationed with the Army in Ft. Knox, Kentucky; and Miss Deborah Seyda of Crisfield, Maryland. There are 2 sisters, Mrs. Anna Diebert and Mrs. Jessie Cole, both of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; a brother, Fred Seyda of Valley

Stram, New York; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 2, at 2 p.m. in the Church of God at Crisfield, Maryland. The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Dean, was assisted by the State Sunday School and Youth Director of Maryland-Delaware, Rev. Emerson Abbott, and Rev. Joe Wilson of Hagerstown, Maryland. The singing was supplied by the Rev. J. Nevitt Evans of Williamsport, Maryland.

Interment was Monday, August 3, at 1 p.m. in the Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Boswell, Pennsylvania. The graveside services were conducted by the pastor and the Rev. George D. Lemons, Overseer of the Churches of God in Pennsylvania.

The following ministers served as active pallbearers: Raymond E. Crowley, Salisbury, Maryland; Ralph Morris, Jr., Pocomoke City, Maryland; R. H. Sumner, Easton, Maryland; C. J. Abbott, Bridgeville, Delaware; Roubert L. Hurst, Chincoteague, Virginia; and Lloyd Abbott, Federalburg, Maryland. The honorary pallbearers were laymen of the Church of God. They were Millard Daugherty, Ralph Morris, Sr., Edward Parks, Lloyd Landon, Maurice Outten, Thomas Walston, Hubert Tull, and George Morris.

Brother Seyda has gone to his rest, and we have hope in Christ through the resurrection that he shall live in eternity where physical limitations are unknown and heart failures are unheard of. Now he is absent from the body but present with the Lord.

—W. H. Dean, reporter

FERRANTE

Rev. Job A. Ferrante of Castroville, California, passed from this life on September 9, 1959, at the age of 63.

Brother Ferrante, a native of Springfield, Missouri, came to California in 1943, and with his family has worked faithfully for the Lord. He became a Christian at the early age of 19 and shortly afterward began to preach the gospel story of the Saviour he loved so much.

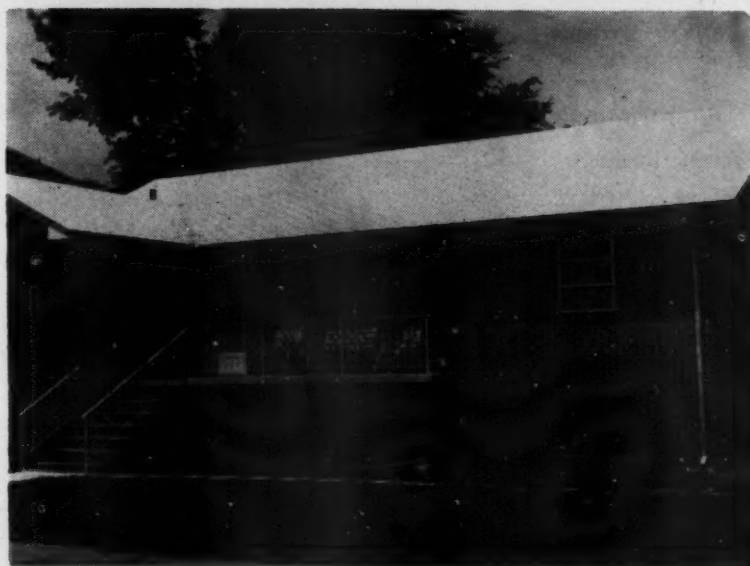
Brother Ferrante had a great love for missions and gave systematically to the cause. When he passed away, he was pastoring the Church of God at 600 Madison Street, Watsonville, California.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Willie Ferrante, and 1 son, Job R. Ferrante of San Jose, California. Funeral services were conducted at the Struve and Laporte Funeral Home in Salinas, California, with Rev. Clyde R. Stinson, officiating.

—Reporter



reports



Landmark Reached at Completion of New Parsonage

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The Columbia Church of God at 1427 Elmwood Avenue, reached another landmark in the history of the church. Sunday, August 9, was the day to which we had been looking forward for some time. This was the day that had been set for our home-coming and the dedication of the new parsonage. Rev. B. E. Ellis, our State Overseer, was the speaker in the morning service. Everyone was blessed by his message. Immediately following his message, we went to the parsonage for the dedicatory address, after which the ladies of the church served dinner in the new dining hall.

The parsonage has a dinette, modern stainless steel kitchen, 3 bedrooms, living room, 2 full baths with showers, and an office with a private entrance. The full-size basement has a modern kitchen,

fully equipped with a steam table and a 13 foot upright GE freezer, 2 rest rooms, office, and tables and chairs to accommodate 75.

The value of the parsonage is estimated at \$22,000. The church, however, saved several thousand dollars through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. L. C. Caldwell, and Rev. Marvin Craven, who was the general supervisor of the construction. They were able to purchase much of the materials at a reduced price. The pastor's son drew the plans for the building and 2 of the members did all the electrical work. A friend of the church did all the wrought iron work at a great saving to the church. The church appreciates very much what each one has done to make it possible for us to have a good parsonage which was very much needed.

I believe there is a great future for the Columbia Church of God.

—Jennie Hill, reporter

The 1959 Iowa Camp Meeting a Great Success

It was with great expectation that the ministers and laity gathered in Ottumwa, Iowa, at the Hickory Grove Campground for the Iowa State Convention which began August 12 and ended August 16, 1959. Our State Overseer, Rev. Grady L. Waters, very ably and proficiently directed the program of events.

The camp meeting came as a refreshing summer rain, cooled by gentle breezes, which gave the ministers and laymen who attended spiritual relief from the heat of their burdens and battles and renewed their strength and faith in God for the days ahead.

Every delegate would agree that each speaker who proclaimed God's Word in the changing world was anointed for his task by the Holy Ghost. The messages of our night speaker, Rev. Donald H. Aultman, State Youth Director of Florida, were highly inspiring. Brother Aultman preached powerfully and effectively each night as he was anointed of God with both power and humility. The music rendered by Brother and Sister Aultman, along with Brother Aultman's sister, added much to the success of our camp meeting.

We were very fortunate to have Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Sr., Assistant General Overseer, as our morning speaker and Bible teacher. Brother Paulk's messages were potentially greater than time would allow each day. For a complete hour each morning, every minute was taken as he lectured and preached on the vital and most important topic of "Defending the Faith in This Modern Changing World."

The messages and fellowship by several of the state overseers from some of our neighboring states were also highly effective and a great blessing to our people. Our guest speakers were Rev. Charles E. Tilley, Overseer of Kansas, Rev. Ray T. Hill, Overseer of Nebraska, and Rev. William J. Brown, Overseer of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Some of the most important events of the camp meeting took place on August 16, which was designated as Youth Day. The State Coupon King and Queen were crowned for their efforts during the year in behalf of our Home for Children.

The effect of Iowa's camp meeting on the churches of the state is, to a large degree, incalculable. But of one fact we are certain: Those who attended the camp meeting have returned to their posts of duty with a sharpened vision and an increased zeal to continue their work for God and His Church in this modern changing world.

—Reporter



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